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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby reply to the Office Action dated October 17, 2006, which did not address the merits of the above-identified patent application, but required restriction of the application to one of two inventions and required an election of species.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.